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GOVERNOR

January 4, 2008

The Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Say and Members of the House:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting herewith two (2) copies of the Department of Accounting and General Services' Annual Report on the Building Code Council for the period July 1, 2007 through December 15, 2007. Pursuant to section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dags/rpts>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT ON  
THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2007

SUBMITTED TO  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
IN RESPONSE TO ACT 82, SLH 2007

STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR/  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2007

Background

Pursuant to Act 82, SLH 2007 (the Act), the Building Code Council (the Council) is required to submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

Summary of the Achievements During This Period

The Council held its first meeting on August 13, 2007. Since then the Council has held four meetings including one at the American Institute of Architects Building Expo in October. The purpose of this meeting was to explain to the public the planned process for adopting the four required building codes outlined in the Act. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Key outcomes of these meetings are as follows.

1. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair
2. Review of building codes in force, model codes which these are based on or should be based on, date of code adoption or version, and agencies which have jurisdiction over the adoption of new codes.
3. Categorization of the building codes into three sections, codes required to be adopted by the Act, codes mentioned in the Act, and codes which are not mentioned in the Act. This categorization provides a road map of codes to be adopted and prioritizes them by group.
4. Formation of an investigative committee to hire an executive director and executive assistant.
5. Request for the release of funds for the Council and to fill the positions of executive director and executive assistant.
6. Completion of the position descriptions for the executive director and executive assistant.
7. Appointment of four county building officials to a subcommittee responsible for the unanimous adoption of any amendments to the model building codes.
8. The formation of investigative committees for each of the required building codes. Those investigative committees were:
  - A. Investigative Committee for the Hurricane Protective Shelter Criteria
  - B. Investigative Committee for the International Building Code
  - C. Investigative Committee for the State Fire Code
  - D. Investigative Committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code
9. Outline of process for Council to adopt model building codes with amendments via the administrative rules process.
10. Request to state departments that have jurisdiction over building codes to provide a presentation to the Council on the age of the current versions of

the codes now in place, the plans to adopt the latest versions of those codes, and any assistance the Council can provide to facilitate adoption of new code versions. The Council is seeking to have the departments complete these presentations by February 2008.

#### Other Comments

The pressing issue for the Council is to obtain the logistical and technical support for the Council, the sub- committee, and the investigative committees. Coordination of the meeting with the subcommittee and the investigative committees is crucial to identify and recommend any amendments to the model codes. Additionally, any amendment to the model codes requires the unanimous vote of the subcommittee members. After adoption of the model codes and amendments by the Council, the preparation of administrative rules and the execution of the steps to approve the administrative rules will require administrative oversight.